

# Inlet upkeep

Helping water flow and preserving our streets

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## Working together to keep water flowing off the streets

The city has approximately 7,600 stormwater inlets, which sit along street curbs, as seen in the background photo.

These inlets help stormwater drain from the street surface, helping prevent street flooding, especially during heavy rain events.

However, this can't happen when inlets are clogged with grass, leaves, brush, trash and anything else that keeps water from flowing.

Our street sweepers help clear the inlets around the city, but we're also asking for residents' help. If you have an inlet along the curb in front of your home, please rake it clear.

Also, please don't mow grass or rake leaves into the street.

Working together, we can keep water flowing and keep our streets from flooding, preserving the pavement and keeping people safe.

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In this northeast neighborhood, clogged inlets are a major contributing factor to the flooding experienced after large rain events.

